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SUBJECT: GDR ATTACKS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN LATIN AMERICA

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1. ON MARCH 4, GDR MEDIA PUBLISHED TWO STORIES DEALING WITH PURPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN LATIN AMERICA. ONE WAS A REPRINT OF EXCEPTS OF A " NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG" ARTICLE, IN WHICH A SWISS CORRESPONDENT DETAILED REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKN BY DINA(DIRECCION DE INTELLIGENCIA NACIAONAL) AGAINST COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST,AND CHRISITAN DEMOCRATIC OPPONENTS OF THE PINOCHET" FASCIST TERROR REGIME". THE OTHER IS AN ADN/NEUES DEUTSCHLAND REPORT, CITING THE CLAIMS OF A " NICARAGUAN COMMITEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS" ON THE ATROCITIES AND SOCIAL FAILURES OF THE "SOMOZA CLAN" SINCE IT CAME TO POWER IN NICARAGUA SOME 40 YEARS AGO. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT CALIMS THAT 50,000 PERSONS WERE MURDERED BY THE

NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT DURING THIS PERIOD AND ADDS THAT EIGHT" CONCENTRATION CAMPS" ARE PRESENTLY IN OPERATION IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA. THE SOMOZAS ARE DESCRIBED AS OBTAINING SUPPORT FROM " U.S. IMPERIALISM, THE CATHOLIC CLERGY, THE BIG LANDLORDS, AND THE UPPER BOURGEOISIE."

2. COMMENT: CHILE IS, OF COURSE, A FAVORITE TOPIC FOR GDR MEDIA, NICARAGUA IS NEW. REPORTS OF SUCH VIOLATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER BAD NEWS FROM " NON-PROGRESSIVE" STATES REGULARLY APPEARS IN THE GDR MEDIA, PARTICULARLY ON CUE FROM THE SOVIET PRESS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE NOTE THAT THIS LATEST SPATE OF STORIES FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE RESOLUTUION ADOPTED AT THE 25TH CP PARTY CONGRESS, WHICH LISTS IN DETAIL HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AROUND THE WORLD (BUT OUTSIDE THE WARSAW PACT AND CUBA).COOPER

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